

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Planning Commission had decided to transfer the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) to the States without consulting the Ministry.

(c) to (e) Some States, including Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh had represented to the Planning Commission for continuation of the Scheme with the Ministry. Based on the representations of the States and the review of the scheme by the Prime Minister's Office, the Planning Commission have agreed to continue IREP in the same form with the Ministry, during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Solar energy under remote villages electrification programme

2808. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from some State Governments to provide solar energy under remote villages electrification programme during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Receipt of proposals from the states and their sanction by the Ministry is a continuous process. The State-wise details of the villages/hamlets, for which proposals for providing solar energy devices were sanctioned under the Remote Village Electrification Programme, during the last three years, i.e. 2003-04 to 2005-06, are given in the statement (See below). Since 2005-06, sanctions are provided after certification of the villages by Rural Electrification Corporation to the effect that grid extension will be unfeasible and for which complete proposals are received from the state governments.

Statement

State-wise details of the villages/hamlets sanctioned during the last three years, i.e., 2003-04 to 2005-06 for providing solar energy devices under the remote village electrification programme

Sl. No.	State	No. of Villages/hamlets		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	Arunachal Pradesh	51	-	117
2	Assam	-	-	33
3	Gujarat	2	-	36
4	Haryana	45	-	-
5	Jammu & Kashmir	50	-	-
6	Jharkhand	117	-	224
7	Karnataka	-	-	20
8	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	50
9	Maharashtra	13	-	161
10	Manipur	-	-	40
11	Mizoram	20	-	-
12	Rajasthan	-	-	230
13	Tamil Nadu	152	-	-
14	Tripura	518	-	-
15	Uttaranchal	164	-	-
16	Uttar Pradesh	97	-	-
17	West Bengal	265	-	-
TOTAL:		1494	-	911

Note: 1. Some States cancelled some or whole of the projects sanctioned during 2003-04. Numbers of such cancelled projects are:

Maharashtra	-	3
Rajasthan	-	24
Uttaranchal	-	52
Uttar Pradesh	-	153

2. During 2004-05, the Programme could not be implemented for want of necessary financial and administrative approvals.

Potential of renewable energy

2809. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state the steps Government propose to make the people aware about the potential of renewable energy and availability of various systems and devices to make them less dependent on fossil oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has been creating awareness about the renewable energy technologies and systems including its potential through newspapers, booklets, leaflets, brochures, news letters, exhibitions, fairs etc. in Hindi, English and regional languages all over the country. Advertisements in national and regional newspapers highlighting the availability of incentives for various renewable energy systems and devices are also published regularly.

MNRE is organizing Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas in all districts, metros and state capitals of the country on 20th August for wide publicity and awareness since 2004. District Advisory Committees on renewable energy have also been constituted in 550 districts for coordination and awareness creation of renewable energy systems and programmes at district level.

Renewable Energy Clubs have been established in Engineering Colleges for raising awareness among engineering students.